

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 25, 2005, Claims 24, 26 and 29 have been canceled and Claim 25 has been amended. Accordingly, independent Claim 25 is now pending for prosecution.

I. Claim Rejections

Claims 24, 26, 27 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 7,107,121 to Stoy. In this Amendment, Claims 24, 26, 27 and 29 have been canceled thereby rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

II. Claim Objections

Claim 25 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended Claim 25 to be an independent claim including all of the limitations of canceled base claim Claim 24. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 25 is now in condition for allowance.


III. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and believes that Claim 25, as amended, is now in condition for allowance. Further and favorable action in that regard is courteously solicited. However, if the Examiner desires, Applicant is ready for a telephone interview to expedite prosecution. As always, the Examiner is free to call the undersigned at

816.460.2516. Should any fees be necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully submitted,

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